

Dear Ellen S. Stowms,
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Date:

I want to express my concern about the Proposed Rules defining Organic Food Production and Handling Practices. I deeply feel that the following points need to be taken into consideration when writing a Final Rule for the National Organic Program.

1. Use the National Organic Standards Board Recommendations to build the rules.
2. Any modifications from 1. should solely reflect the current Organic industry's standards as well as the Organic consumers comprehension's. Individuals and companies not currently considered part of the Organic industry should not have significant input into the rules. Let them create their own labels.
3. Do not deviate from a lay person's understanding of the OFPA of 1990.
4. Do not restrict the use of ECO labels, the consumer has a right to be informed.
5. Maintain a high standard which will protect those consumers who find themselves to be chemically sensitive.
6. Maintain a high standard so those family farms who have created this industry are not overly competed with by Agri-businesses.
7. Do not allow the use of Genetically Engineered Organisms, Sewage Sludge (Biosolids), and Irradiation (Ionizing radiation) in organic growing and handling.

Thank you for your consideration.